

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C): ~ 23/24 April 2022

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280

Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

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PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose:	Presbytery: \$641.80	Parish: \$1,816.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$9,944.45

Easter Dues: As of 21 April, offerings were \$575. Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections.

Mass of the Oils: Many thanks to Marie Shanahan and Margaret McTigue for collecting the Holy Oils on behalf of the Parish.

Parish Lunch - 1st May 12 noon at Donegan's Farm: Lunch served at 12.30 pm (\$30 per person). All parishioners

from Bungaree and Gordon invited to attend. Contact the Parish Secretary at: gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au/ mobile: 0492 903 409; or sign the booking form placed in the church foyer/gathering space.

St Brigid's Prayer Group: The Prayer Group will recommence next Thursday morning, 10 am on 28th April at the Gathering Space, St Brigid's Church. All welcome.

Sacramental Program - 2022: The Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night will be held at St. Brigid's School, Ballan on Wednesday 4th May at 7 pm.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

Parish Administrator: Fr Sajan Mathew ~ ☎ 5334 0450 ~ C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352

Parish Leadership Team: Damien Ryan, Barry Sheehan, Di Reynolds, Tim Bennet, Maurice Maher, Peter Roche & Inez French.

Safeguarding Officer: Accepting Nominations

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409

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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

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St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections in Church during April

Presbytery:	\$1,865.00	Parish:	\$295.00
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Easter Dues: As of 21 April, offerings were \$600. We sincerely thank all parishioners who contributed to these collections

Mass of the Oils: Many thanks to Margie Moran for collecting the Holy Oils at the Mass of the Oils last

Monday evening at St Patrick's Cathedral on behalf of the Parish.

Volunteer Positions Open: interested persons are invited to volunteer for the positions of Sacramental Program Officer & Safeguarding Officer. If you would like to know more about these positions, contact Damien at: ryandjr@bigpond.com, phone: 0437125062.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
23/24 April 2022	Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5: 12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19		
Clarkes Hill - 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour - 1st Thursday of each Month
31 April/1 May 2022	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5: 11-14		
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Dunnstown - 9 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan - 10.30 am	Catherine Green		
7/8 May 2022	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Advised		
Bungaree-8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		
Ballan-10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
	Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am				

A sketch of wild poppies growing in front of Mont Kemmel



Recent Deaths: Jack Canty

Anniversaries: Laurie Flynn, Brenda Jones, Len Maher, Kath O'Keefe, Shelia Fay, Barry McNamara, Mary Duffy, Gerard Toohey, Alice McTigue, Kathleen Toohey, Frank Calleja, Johanna Corbett and Jessie Baynes.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick: Anna Bartaska, Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, John Ryan, Moira Myers, Stan Mahar, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Majella Franklin (nee Glenane) and Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

Baptisms: We welcome Pippa Eastwood, child of Michelle and Brenton who will be baptised in St Patrick's Church, Gordon, and Edwina and Ruby Shanahan, children of Asha and Bernard who will be baptised in St Brigid's Church, Ballan this Sunday. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Welcome to Gillian, Sophie and Daniel: St Brigid's community in Ballan will welcome Gillian, Sophie and Daniel at 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Gillian has participated in the RCIA process at St Bernadette's North Sunshine, celebrating her full Christian Initiation at their Easter Vigil last Saturday evening. In the same celebration, Sophie and Daniel were baptised. We look forward to welcoming Gillian, Sophie and Daniel into our Eucharistic Community!

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday: We thank the parishioners of Bungaree and Gordon, their families and friends as well as visitors to our parishes who attended the services at St Michael's Springbank and St Brigid's Ballan for their generosity. This year the collection for the Holy Land (Good Friday) was \$698.20.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2022: The first edition of ODC 2022 is available for collection from all church foyers. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

Walking in the Spirit: The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign, beginning Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Go to: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit/

Caritas Australia - Thank You! Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/> and donate online or by calling 1800 024 413. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger. Together, we can help poor communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 24, 2022: The Divine Mercy Picture travels to parishes to bring healing, hope and courage. They will be at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on April 24. Jesus says: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28.

Eight first class relics: Pope St John Paul II; St Jadwiga Queen; St Faustina Kowalska, St Maximilian Kolbe; St Stanisław Papczyński; St Maria of Jesus Crucified from Bethlehem; Blessed Michał Sopoćko; and Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko. Prayers for peace, merciful love for Ukraine, Russia, all nations, the Church and the world.

The schedule of activities is as follows: 1 pm–Viewing of Relics, talk; 1.30 pm–Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, 2 pm–Hour of Mercy prayers, Benediction and 3 pm–Holy Mass, Blessing with Relics. Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) will be held from 1 pm – 4 pm. All Welcome.

Anzac Day Ceremonies-Monday, 25th April

Bungaree: The Bungaree and District Historical Society will hold an Anzac Day Ceremony at 8am on 25 April, followed by a gunfire breakfast at the Bungaree Recreation Reserve Memorial. Guest Speaker: Mr Bill Lewis.

Ballan: The Ballan RSL Subbranch will hold an ANZAC Day Dawn Service followed by a Commemorative March and Service on Monday 25 April 2022 at McLean Reserve, Inglis Street, Ballan from 6 am-7 am.

Ballarat: Many Anzac Day activities have been scheduled. The 6am Dawn Service at the Ballarat Cenotaph will be followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at Ballarat RSL, Midlands Golf Club; the ANZAC Day March from Lyons Street North to Ballarat Cenotaph will commence at 10.30am, and the 11am Commemorative Service at the Ballarat Cenotaph will be followed by refreshments and at Midlands Golf Club. For more info, contact the Ballarat RSL on 5332 3300.

with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him;

'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

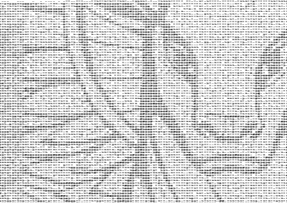
■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY) / C

24 APRIL 2022

FAITH BRINGS PEACE

The journey of faith is one that has many moments and stages. At times all goes well, as in Acts, and we can rejoice in the fruitful results of our efforts. There can be other times when, like Thomas, we wrestle with doubt and unbelief. In the face of difficulties, we can run the risk of losing heart, like the Christians of Ephesus, and sorely need encouragement. Today's readings are particularly consoling because they show us that the life of faith has always been a journey with many such moments. Many people of faith feel that it would have been different in the early Church, that somehow they had more faith, vision, courage, and understanding. We can often be unduly hard on ourselves and perhaps overly idealistic about life in the early days of the Church.

It is always worth asking why the earliest Christians wrote as they did. If John's community had not had its moments of questioning, the episode of Thomas the apostle would probably not have been written down. If the Christian communities around Ephesus had not been discouraged and fearful in the face of persecution and opposition, it would not have been necessary to write the book of the Apocalypse. They needed to be reminded that the Risen One who holds the key to life and death, was walking among them still. Even the bright picture painted in Acts was probably written with a view to encouraging the Christians of Luke's time.

The Risen One walks amongst us still. Mindful of our journey of faith, he calls us to faith and to know his peace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, love is everlasting, (or Alleluia!)

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation / O Lord grant success. / Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; / the Lord God is our light. **R.**

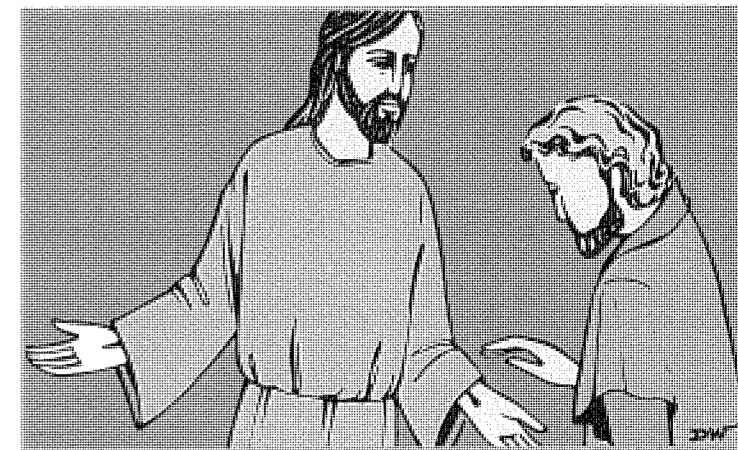
SECOND READING

Apoc 1:9-13,17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus;



it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled